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Kids Kingdom — Justin White of Rahway sat confidently as he rode a pony in Warinaco Park. Justin and many other youngsters enjoyed the day of fun at the Kids Kingdom Traveling Jubilee presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. In addition to pony rides, children enjoyed Bubboon the Royal Fool, bounced in an air-filled balloon castle, painted rocks, and viewed a yo-yo demonstration.



LISC Resources Available — Mayor Chris Bollwage highlights the availability of resources through the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to help Elizabeth reach its revitalization goals. Topics of the forum covered areas such as affordable housing, economic development, and daycare.



Ford Motor Company — Motivation speaker Les Brown (far left) and entertainer Melba Moore, among the numerous celebrities attending the Power Networking Conference at the Cleveland Convention Center, welcome Ford Motor Company's Dr. Ray Jensen (left) and George Frame (far right). Also, Dr. Jensen and Mr. Frame were honored with the prestigious Sword of Excellence Award.



Summer School for Teachers — Eight middle school teachers from Union County, New Jersey were awarded fellowships by Schering-Plough Corporation to participate in the pharmaceutical company's Summer Institute for Teachers program, which is sponsored by Schering-Plough Research Institute (SPRI). Those participating were, top, left to right: Janine Wojenski, Roselle Park Middle School, Roselle Park; Ron Bubnowski, Burnet Middle School, Union; Robert W. Patton, senior scientist, Biological Research — Oncology, SPRI; Chris Boris, Burnet Middle School, Union, who is the teacher liaison for the program; Jennifer Jack, Harding School, Kenilworth; Priceson Princilus, Leonard V. Moore School, Roselle; Marta Ferreira and Janet Peralta, Calvin Coolidge School, Hillside; Lisa Maccagno, Hillside School, Cranford; and Mary Ann Costa, Burnet Middle School, Union.

Curious Observer

Republican County Executive candidate Candy Straight is gathering petition signatures for fall referendums on locating the state arena in Newark. Where was her sense of civic duty when her party, ala Gov. Whitman's administration cooked the state books to the tune of nearly \$3 billion in pension fund arbitrage? Can you say NJ's current budget deficit?

The Trenton fire unions want a November referendum ballot to reopen the three firehouses closed by Mayor Doug Palmer. Can they count on Republic County Executive candidate Candy Straight for support, or is she only interested in squashing economic development for the 84% minority Newark residents?

Candy Straight has taken her single campaign issue of an arena ballot referendum to Millburn, Cedar Grove, Caldwell, West Caldwell, Roseland and Verona, and heads to Belleville, Nutley, Bloomfield, and Livingston by August 23rd. What about Newark, Jersey City, Trenton, Camden, North Bergen, Atlantic City, Irvington, Paterson, Asbury Park, Elizabeth, Plainfield: Cities where the residents just might comprehend the importance urban economic development and know why the arena is not a Newark issue, but it is in fact a state issue. There is a Biblical principal that says whatever you do for the least of them

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Tracking Anthrax — Louie Allen, the new Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge of the Newark office speaks addresses the media during a press conference to reveal the results of a multi-law enforcement agency probe into the anthrax cases that held the nation in fear last October. The deadly powder was traced to a mailbox in Princeton, NJ. Allen is originally from Alabama. He came to Newark by way of Pittsburg where he began his law enforcement career as a policeman. The Newark division of the F.B.I. is one of the largest in the nation.

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Editorial

Keansburg police dept. probe is a timely idea

Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Donald K. Tucker recently called on Governor James E. McGreevey to "personally intervene" in the disciplining of Keansburg Acting Police Chief Michael Kennedy for using racist slurs in a broadcast directive to police officers earlier this year.

Tucker, the highest ranking African American in the Assembly Majority Caucus wants the governor to ask state Attorney General Dave Samson to investigate the matter as part of measures to eliminate racial profiling in the Keansburg Police Department.

We agree with Assemblyman Tucker's assertion that the language used by the acting police chief "exceeded the bounds of being just a racial slur, indeed Mr. Kennedy's words do send 'a perverted message of racial hatred and intolerance' that results in the climate that we all too often see on police forces and that all too often results in African Americans becoming the victims of ongoing police harassment and even tragically, the victims murder by a police officer.

Mr. Kennedy's remarks demonstrated either a deeply ingrained prejudice against African Americans, or a complete ignorance of the shroud of embarrassment that New Jersey is trying to remove from it's public persona after admitting to the practice of racial profiling, or he was arrogantly comfortable in belief that the people around him would only snicker in agreement at his remarks. The latter reasoning may be true of the Keansburg city officials in Keansburg and Monmouth County prosecutor's office who according to Donald Tucker have responded inadequately to the situation, but the remark obviously offended the person who blew the whistle.

Regardless to which egregious reasoning lies at the heart of Mr. Kennedy's remarks, Governor McGreevey would be wise to act swiftly and decisively to send a message that the taxpayers and general public demand fair minded, socially aware leaders in government. Leaders who respect the public trust, regardless of race, creed and color: not dinosaurs from the Jim Crow era.

Saudi Arabia: Friends, foes or refugees?

by Lloyd Williams

Walking, talking and exporting terrorism like a duck

"Ready or not, here I come, you can't hide. Gonna find you and take it slowly... Money in the bag, banker looked like a drag. I want to play with Pelicans from here to Baghdad... I refugee from Guantanamo Bay. Dance around the border like I'm Cassius Clay

—Excerpt from 'Ready or Not' by the Fugees

Fifteen of the nineteen terrorists who participated in the September 11th attacks were citizens of Saudi Arabia, as are about 80% of the al Qaeda prisoners of war currently caged in dog runs at Guantanamo Bay. And FBI Most Wanted poster boy Osama bin Laden, whereabouts unknown, hails from that desert oasis, too. Although rough riding George W. Bush moved swiftly to level the playing fields in Afghanistan, oil tanker diplomacy still prevents the Pres from ever publicly questioning the

Saudi pledge of allegiance to America.

However, according to information recently leaked to the Washington Post, Bush has been briefed by a military intelligence report which indicts Saudi Arabia an enemy of the United States. Although the White House has been entrusted with the truth, apparently we the people aren't considered quite as deserving.

So, even though the Persian cat's out of the bag, the official government statement gave a Good White Housekeeping seal of approval to Saudi Arabia as "a long-standing friend and ally of the United States. The Saudis cooperate fully in the global war on terrorism and have the department's and the administration's deep appreciation." How do you square that with the report which suggests seizing their oil and freezing their assets because, "The Saudis are active at every level of the terror chain, from planners to financiers, from cadre to foot-soldier, from ideologist to cheerleader.

Why has Bush chosen to put a positive spin on such a clear, unqualified

warning, while he is gearing us up for all out war with Iraq and Saddam Hussein? Most likely, the answer has to do with money and profits, because about 20 percent of the oil we import comes from Saudi Arabia, which has the world's largest reserves of the precious fossil fuel. We need their oil to keep our economy running smoothly, but at what cost?

It's almost Machiavellian for the administration to manipulate the American people into regarding as allies a regime which, if the allegations are true, subsidizes suicide bombers and is "hostile to the American idea of religious tolerance, free speech, constitutional government, and sexual equality." We already tried taking the 'see no evil' approach, pre 9-11, and look where that landed us. Seems like Saudi Arabia might be a terrorist state, albeit a very rich one.

If it walks like a duck and talks like a duck, don't ask me to act like an ostrich.

Lloyd Williams is a member of the NY, NJ, PA, CT, MA and US Supreme Court bars.

How did Europeans conquer early African nations?

By Arthur Lewin
TBWT Guest Contributor

Just how DID Europe conquer Africa? No one knows for sure, but a few things seem clear. This is how it began. By 1400, the Christians of Europe had been fighting the forces of Islam for centuries, in a series of wars called Crusades. The Prophet, Muhammad, lived in the Arabian peninsula in the 7th century AD. Towards the end of his life, and long after his death, his followers, with their swords, spread the religion he founded, Islam, deep into Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Western Europe as far as southern France.

For centuries, Muslim armies kept Europe cut off from the rest of the world. Beginning in the 14th century, however, Portuguese ships probed relentlessly southward along the African coast. They traded for gold, and painstakingly, over the course of generations, gradually discerned the shape of the continent. Armed with this knowledge, they were eventually able to fash-

ion a seaward passage to India. When the Europeans first reached Africa they traded only with the permission of their local hosts. The European powers fought each other for the privilege of this trade, as the locals fought each other for the rights to European commerce. Over time, though, European influence increased and the local powers waned. In the trade with Africa the gold that the Europeans obtained financed their overseas expansion. In time, the European powers began to establish plantations in islands off the coast of Africa, and then in the Americas. Soon enslaved Africans eclipsed gold as the desired import. In exchange, the Africans received mainly firearms which they used in wars with each other over rights to trade with the Europeans, and to furnish captives for that commerce.

In the centuries of the Atlantic slave trade, much of the wealth generated by the forced labor of enslaved Africans was devoted to creating the extensive technological innovations that led directly to the Industrial Revolution. So we see that the, at first tenuous, coastal

trade with Africans strengthened European commercial capitalism transforming it into all-powerful industrial capitalism. The Europeans were now producing railroads, iron warships, machine guns and artillery. With these, in time, their word became law all over the world.

Slowly, but surely, Europe started to take a more direct hand in African affairs. To be sure, the Europeans still fought each other too, but Africans did not become involved in the Europeans' battles. Also, as the title "leading power" passed from Portugal to Spain to Holland and then finally to England, the measure of victory oft proved to be the volume of overseas trade.

So we see that the Europeans only grew stronger from their intramural wars. The same scenario took place in Asia and the Americas. It was not long before a full-fledged system of colonialism began to overspread the world entire.

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The power of wealth vs. the power of income

By James Clingman

In his book, "Black Wealth Through Black Entrepreneurship," Robert Wallace says, "...it becomes painfully obvious that the basic problem facing the [black] community is that it lacks significant power to have a direct and sustained impact on its own destiny." The key word in his statement is "power." Notice the title includes the word "wealth," not "income," and if you have read the book you also noticed Wallace's instruction to us when it comes to capturing real power.

Too many of us spend most of our time bragging about the tremendous so-called "spending power" of black folks in this country. Did you know that the term "Black spending power," as used by the statisticians, simply means "disposable income?" Yes, black people have \$600 billion per year in disposable

income, and as Sister Sharazad Ali says, "Black folks have the most disposable income because we dispose of most our income."

So, what is the difference between income and wealth when it comes to power? Well, the bottom line to wealth is net worth. Check out a person's net worth and you can see how wealthy he or she is. The latest statistics show that black families have a net worth that is one-tenth of that of white families—and even less than that of Asian families. Need I say more?

The next time you see the statistics on black buying power, stop and think about the word "power" and what it means in that particular context. It is power for others to build their own communities, enabling them to maintain their collective hold on the economic system of this country.

This is why I use the term "Black

buying weakness." If we continue to give our power to someone else through our conspicuous consumption of their products and services, we will continue to have billions of dollars in aggregate income and only thousands of dollars in individual family wealth.

The power of wealth manifests itself in ownership and control of income-producing assets and infrastructure such as banks, hotels, manufacturing facilities, real estate, distribution channels, and other wealth-builders and wealth-retainers, and via the transfer of income to others, in ownership and control of assets by others from whom Black folks must purchase our very sustenance. If we allow that system to continue, by pouring the vast majority of our income into the vast pools of wealth owned by others, we will always be on the bottom of the economic heap. You get the picture, I'm sure.

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NJ residents fund health, safety research scholars

DES PLAINES, IL — Helping support further advancements in the occupational safety, health and environmental field, the American Society of Safety Engineers' (ASSE) New Jersey Chapter recently donated \$5,000 to the ASSE Foundation for college scholarships, professional development and research programs. New Jersey Chapter president Joseph Schwed of Wharton, NJ, presented the donation recently.

Based in Newark, the New Jersey Chapter is one of the largest ASSE chapters, with over 600 members throughout central and northern New Jersey.

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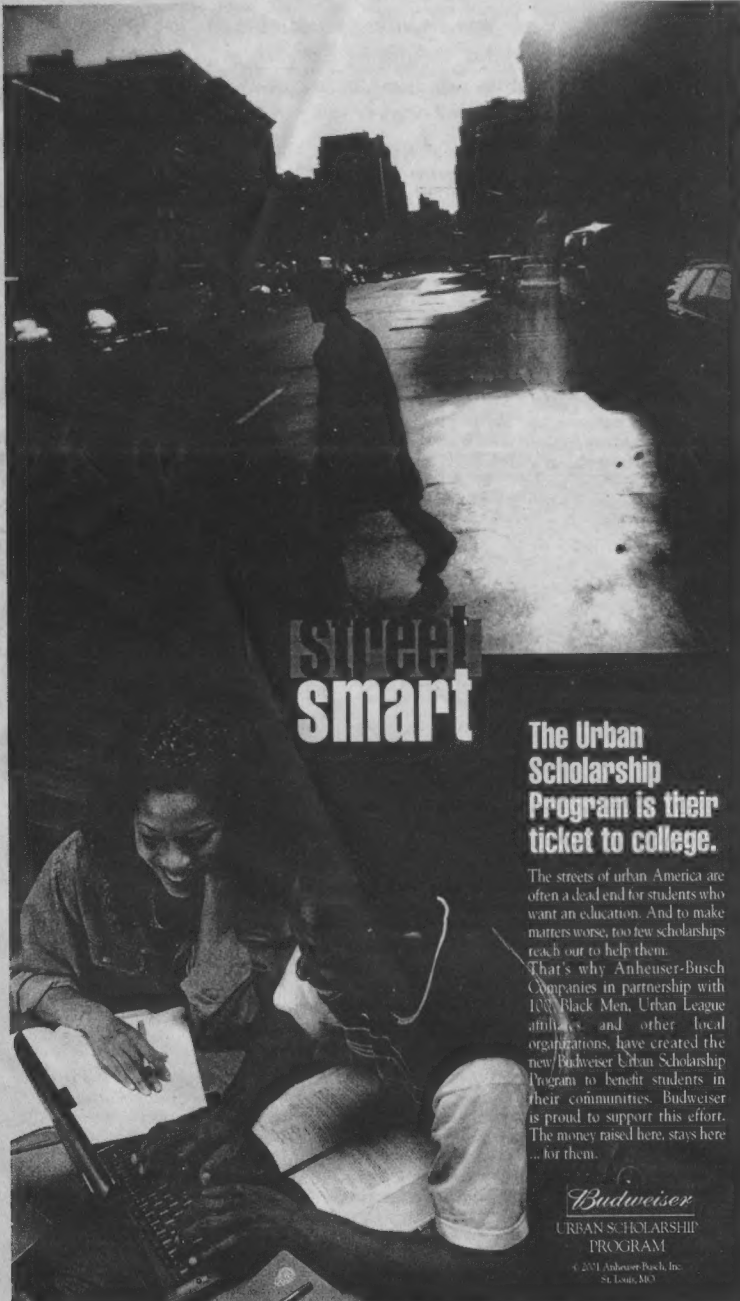
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This year the Foundation will award \$48,000 in annual scholarships to occupational safety, health and environment students. Specifics on how to apply and qualify for the scholarships can be found at the ASSE

Foundation's website at www.asse.org/foundat.htm under scholarship program or by calling 847-699-2929. The Foundation is accepting applications from now until December 1, 2002.

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NEW YORK — Golf great Tiger Woods, who earns an estimated \$54 million annually in endorsements, topped the Black Enterprise magazine editor's list of the biggest and most influential celebrity endorsers. Venus Williams was the second most favored celebrity, according to BE readers.

Other celebrities ranked for their credibility by the largely African American readership were, in order, Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, Allen Iverson Kobe Bryant, Serena Williams, George Foreman, James Earl Jones, and Tom Joyner.

It is estimated that by 2006 the buying power of affluent African Americans will reach \$292.4 billion, with the entire African American market totaling \$682.5 billion in spending.

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Lupus: early warning signs

feel isolated due to public misunderstanding.

Almost every person has experienced a few aches, pains and fatigue at one time or another in their life. They may have noticed a little stiffness or some soreness that they attributed to the weather.

For some people, however, those little aches and pains may be the early signs of a lifethreatening disease called lupus.

Lupus is a disease that causes the immune system to attack the body's own cells. Instead of protecting it against foreign invaders, such as infections and viruses, the immune system of a person with lupus produces antibodies that attack healthy tissue and organs. Lupus strikes approximately 1.4 million Americans, 90% of whom are women. African-Americans, Asians, Hispanics, and Native Americans develop lupus two to three times more frequently than Caucasians. Although more people have lupus than leukemia, multiple sclerosis, sicklecell anemia or cystic fibrosis, those suffering from the devastating disease often

lupus can be an invisible disease. Many people with lupus can look perfectly healthy. However, lupus can attack any internal organ including the kidneys, lungs, heart, and brain, as well as the blood, joints and connective tissue. Symptoms of lupus can range from very mild to lifethreatening and can go into periods of inactivity. The most common symptoms of lupus are joint pain or swelling, fatigue, fevers, and skin rashes.

Although the exact cause of lupus remains a mystery, researchers believe lupus has a genetic origin with an environmental trigger. Unfortunately, there is no cure for lupus. However, if detected early, doctors can prescribe medications to minimize symptoms, reduce inflammation, and maintain normal bodily functions. Increased professional awareness, improved diagnostic techniques, and more accurate evaluation methods are contributing to the improved survival of people with lupus every year. The key to controlling the disease is early detection and education.

Health & science:

Get hooked on healthful habits

By Bill Parisi

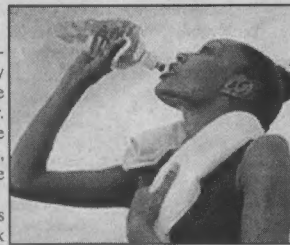
It amazes me how the fitness and weight-loss industry has grown over the years, to the tune of \$40 billion per year. Because of a 95 percent failure rate in weight-loss programs, people are starving for "the truth."

Every time a new fitness product debuts, a new diet book hits the shelf, or a new women's-only health club opens and promotes "a special 30-minute workout," people ask me about it. Those who want a quick fix don't like my answers. There is no magic pill, machine, or health club out there. There is no substitute for commitment and sacrifice.

Many choose not to work out, even though exercise has been proven to increase life expectancy and decrease the risk of cancer and heart disease. So why do some people decide to exercise and others don't? I've been asking myself this question for 20 years.

Sometimes, I don't exercise for weeks at a time. Life gets hectic for all of us, even for people in the fitness business. I get back on track after awhile. It's OK to slow down; just don't shut down.

The most common excuse I hear is lack of time. But some of the busiest people I know—heads of major companies, single working moms, construction workers—find time to exercise. It's all about priorities. If you're unhappy about your weight or appearance, or have aches and pains because of a



It's all about priorities. If you're unhappy about your weight or appearance, or have aches and pains because of a lack of strength, you're not unhappy enough to do something about it.

— Bill Parisi
Health trainer, Fairlawn, NJ

lack of strength, you're not unhappy enough to do something about it. It usually takes a defining experience (a crisis of some sort) to convince people to change their ways.

Long ago, I met a busy and successful businessman who consistently worked out. He told me he supervised a staff of 2,000 and more than 50 people reported directly to him. But without fail, he found time to exercise three days per week.

I asked him why he made exercise a priority. He opened his shirt and showed me a surgical scar across his chest. About five years earlier, he had undergone triple bypass sur-

gery.

For some people, it takes that kind of experience to change the way they think. For those who understand delayed gratification, success awaits you. Do you think medical students enjoy going to school for 10 years while making little or no money? And yet exercise can yield results in just a few months.

A personalized program is the first step. Most beginners can start on a generic program of walking and light-weight training.

Too many of us consume meals haphazardly. Begin to control food intake throughout the day. Controlling calories is half the battle in reaching ideal body weight and staying healthy. Schedule meals like any important daily task. Eating controlled portions of healthful foods throughout the day is more important than exercise. So plan your meals better and don't go hungry. If you heed this advice, you'll feel better and lose body fat.

A secret in getting consistent with exercise and diet is to organize the other areas of your life. And don't wait for the defining experience. Set goals and list compelling reasons to take consistent action to meet those goals.

Bill Parisi is a nationally recognized expert on fitness, general health, and athletic performance in Fairlawn, NJ. Visit his Web site at billparisi.com.



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Cloning for stem cells may be endorsed

WASHINGTON — The American Bar Association will decide this week whether to endorse cloning to advance human health, while condemning the government intervention that would make criminals of scientists who pursue medical cloning research.

The ABA's governing body is to vote today or Tuesday on what scientists call therapeutic cloning, or the engineering of human embryos for the medically precious stem cells they contain. Stem cells might then develop into replacement tissue and organs for patients with incurable diseases.

President Bush on the other hand wants permanent ban on cloning for biomedical research.

EPA boost schools' air quality to help kids breathe better

WASHINGTON — Recently at an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) meeting on tackling air quality problems in schools, officials realized that American schools can fight asthma and other health problems by attacking indoor air quality with a systematic, low-cost program, experts said.

The EPA's program, dubbed "Indoor Air Quality: Tools for Schools," gives teachers, staff and administrators access to information about common sources of indoor air quality problems and a blueprint for addressing poor air quality.

—Reuters Health

Teens resist health care if parents get report

NEW YORK — More than half of teenaged girls who attend family planning clinics say they would stop or delay using certain or all services—including testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases—if practitioners were required to inform their parents that they had sought prescription contraceptives, US researchers report.

The paper comes at a time of debate over the benefits of requiring doctors to inform parents when their children seek prescription contraceptives. Some believe such requirements would help parents educate their children and protect them from harm.

—Reuters Health

United Nations seeks to reestablish communication lines with members of the African American media

by Scheryl Gant

NEW YORK - In a continuing effort to effectively manage the "convergences and divergences" of philosophy between the United Nations and the United States U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan held a historic meeting recently to enlist the support of black journalists from television, radio, and the print media, including the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). The NNPA, also known as the Black Press of America, is a 62-year-old federation representing more than 200 Black community newspapers from across the United States.

Following several staff briefings that discussed the U.N.'s position on global peace and security, the grim challenging fight against AIDS, and human rights efforts around the world. The U.N. staff laid the ground work for the historic meeting, which according to the U.N. staff members was the first time a group of black reporters, photographers and commentators had been invited to a round table discussion with the Secretary General since its inception in 1945. The high

The 62-year-old Ghanaian joined the United Nations system in 1962 as an administrative and budget officer with the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.

"Since the beginning, black newspapers have been ardent supporters of the U.N. It was the Black newspapers that raised their voices, to help launch the U.N.," said Annan addressing the media representatives and his guests during a luncheon held in the U.N. dining room that overlooks the East River. "We are aware of your long-term support of the mission of the U.N. Today we need your support more than ever to help the organization live up to the vision and mission of its founding members."

Annan invited members of the black press across the U.N. to seek their help in communicating the areas of disagreement between the U.N. and the United States. The meeting was held several days prior to the release of the U.N. report on the Israeli actions at Jenin.

"Jenin is a difficult question for the United Nations [is] so often accused of a double standard," Annan said giving a clear indication that the report would



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Seen here during a tour of the U.N. are Dr. Henry Johnson (r) and George Curry, NNPA editor in



Photo by Eskinder Debebe

Secretary-General Kofi Annan (left) and Dubem Onyia, Minister of State, Foreign Affairs of Nigeria.

level interconnect between the U.N. and African Americans stems back to 1955 when (Jeremy) Ralph Bunch became the U.N. Under Secretary General in 1955. Ironically he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950, becoming the first black person to achieve that distinction for mediating an armistice between Israel and seven Arab States. Ironically, Annan, who has devoted his adult working life to the U.N., shared the Nobel Peace Prize honor with the U.N. last fall.

clash with the U.S.'s position. "If peace is to come to the Middle East," he said, "There has to be an exchange of land for peace."

Several times during the day the journalists were made aware that the U.S., undoubtedly still the world's superpower often stands opposite the U.N.'s recommendations. Annan said discussed the Bush's administration's decision to pull out of funding the U.N. Population Fund because of China's compulsory abortion population

growth control program.

"The U.S. decision is very unfortunate," Annan said, explaining his reaction to the decision by U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's decision to withdraw from the fund. "Secretary Powell supported it," Annan said. "The reversal came from somewhere else in the [Bush] administration. The decision to withdraw is only going to punish and hurt the poor around the world."

"I hope that the U.S. position is not immutable. I hope

that Congress and the Senate approve the amount held up at the White House," Annan said leaving the door open for a change of heart by the Bush administration.

A consummate diplomat known for his immense negotiation skills, impeccable sense of style and unflappability, Annan moved from one world topic to another with ease as the group lobbied questions at him. He said the U.S. recently let the U.N. down when it opposed distributing a medication that blocks mother-to-child transmission of AIDS.

"We need to find a way to get this AIDS medication to the [world's] poor. I asked them to reduce the price [of existing AIDS medication] or give it to the poor free," he said referring to a meeting with three multinational pharmaceutical firms.

The most sensitive issue dividing the U.N. and U.S. is the war on terrorism. President Bush's position is that terrorism is defined by the republic.

"One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter," Annan said, reflecting on the high ideas of due process, civil state conduct and human rights. "This is a tough environment to promote human rights," he said. "There can be no trade-off between fighting terrorism and [protecting] human rights."

Dr. Henry Johnson, a board

member for the northeast region of the NNPA attended to represent the organization its president Jake Oliver. He thanked Annan for hosting the meeting and recognizing the historical importance of the Black Press. Johnson, who is also the president and CEO of City News Publishing

"Since the beginning, black newspapers have been ardent supporters of the U.N. It was the Black newspapers that raised their voices, to help launch the U.N."

— U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan

Company, located in Newark, NJ. "We invite Dr. Annan to use the NNPA wire service to communicate the issues and mission of the U.N. and to help the American black community become better informed about this organization that is important to world and US interests," Johnson said.

"We also encouraged the secretary general to expand the U.N. educational programs to schools in urban areas and create a partnership with black newspapers throughout the US to help promote this important learning," Johnson said.

Bias: A CBS insider exposes media distortion

Review by Kam Williams

"I once suggested to Andrew Heyward [President of CBS News] that there was a foolproof way to change the racial power structure in America, not in ten or twenty years, but literally overnight. 'Effective right now,' I said, 'you and every other white male high-level executive in America should voluntarily give up your jobs, on one condition: that you be replaced by a qualified woman or member of a minority group starting tomorrow morning. The face of corporate America would immediately change. Whaddaya think?' Andrew Heyward did not like the idea. Not one bit.

"What the liberal really wants is to bring about change which will not in any way endanger his position," is how Stokely Carmichael once put it. So, in the end, the liberals who command the highest positions among the media elites are not generous at all. They're quite selfish, really. And they distort images not to ease the pain of oppressed black Americans, but to ease their own pain."

—Excerpt from *Bias*—

Bernard Goldberg won seven Emmy Awards over the course of an impressive, 28-year career as an investigative reporter for CBS. But Goldberg committed professional suicide when he decided to set his sights on his own industry. In 1996, he wrote an editorial for the Wall Street Journal in which he criticized a liberal leaning he felt existed within his own company. From that day forward, Bernard was a marked man, and it was only a mat-

Bias: A CBS Insider Exposes How the Media Distort the News

written by Bernard Goldberg
published by Regnery Publishing

Goldberg is an embittered ex-employee with an obvious agenda. For many of the allegations he makes in his television tell-all, if true, expose the networks as a den of lip-service liberals who are actually more interested in ratings and money than the politically correct positions they espouse on the air.

Because Bernard worked for CBS for so long, he is able to offer an insider's view of people like Dan Rather, who he indicts as a power-hungry megalomaniac who doesn't tolerate dissent. The self-contradictory aspect of *Bias* is how it accuses the media of being too liberal and too profit-oriented at the same time. In one chapter, Goldberg does his own survey to show how few minorities are featured on the network news magazine shows. Citing statistics for Dateline (0 out of 39), 48 Hours ((0 out of 12), 20/20 (2 out of 26) and 60 Minutes (7/12), he argues that the top producers don't want non-whites on their prime-time shows, because they drag down the ratings.

While I am willing to accept the statistical analysis, I have to conclude that the numbers fail

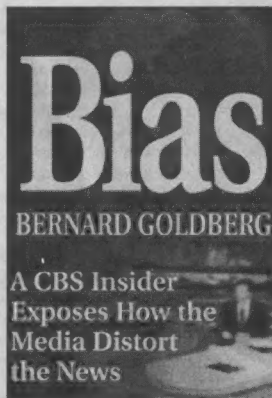
ter of time before the correspondent would be let go.

Bias, half personal memoir, half well-reasoned assault on his superiors and co-workers, is a very informative text, if you can get past the fact that

to prove a liberal bias, but achieve quite the opposite. Seen in this light, *Bias* is commendable for unveiling the conservative, capitalist imperative, which drives CBS as much as it does any other Fortune 500 Company, and for quoting so many phonies who would go to great lengths to hide the truth from the public.

Because it is apparently very important to the networks to maintain a certain liberal image, I have to conclude that Goldberg's beef would be more appropriately framed as a problem with the media's duplicitous nature, not with their politics.

But, in any case, boy does Bernie know how to burn a bridge.



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Wayne Brady brings a fresh voice to daytime television this fall

Multi-talented Emmy nominated entertainer, Wayne Brady also best known for his work on ABC's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" is bringing his multi-faceted talent to daytime this fall as host of his own daytime talk/variety show entitled "The Wayne Brady Show."

In a daytime landscape often cluttered with repetition and mediocrity, Wayne Brady stands out as one of television's rarest commodities: a natural born entertainer.

Whether singing, dancing, improvising or just being himself, Brady is a multidimensional entertainer, who quite simply knows how to entertain an audience. And now, with the launch of his new daytime entertainment talk/variety series "The Wayne Brady Show," Brady has the perfect venue to showcase his varied talents. "The Wayne Brady Show" is ready to breathe fresh life into daytime television.

With a spontaneous, light-hearted charm, "The Wayne Brady Show" offers an engaging blend of celebrity interviews, comedy, music and audience interaction, all with the help of Brady's deft touch. The show will reinvent the comedic flair of such Brady influences and variety/talk show legends as Merv Griffin and Mike

Douglas.

"The Wayne Brady Show" is different from the other shows I've done because audiences will get a chance to see the real Wayne, in an environment where not only do I get an opportunity to talk to the people who I want to talk to, but also perform with many of them," explains Brady. "There will be entertainment and talk and a lot of performances, including improv, special musical guests and celebrity guests showing talents that may surprise you."

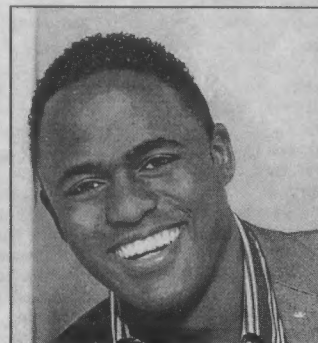
Helping Brady realize his vision is an all-star production team with a pedigree that can't be matched. The creative team behind "The Wayne Brady Show" includes Robert Morton ("The Late Show With David Letterman") and Bernie Brillstein ("The Blues Brothers," "Prime Time Glick with Martin Short"). Upon first meeting Brady, television veterans Morton and Brillstein instantly spotted that indefinable star quality in the "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" entertainer that separated him from the pack.

"Wayne has an

undeniable warmth and charm, and he connects with people all across the country as a real person with no pretense," says Robert Morton.

Brillstein, who has brought to television such innovative series as "Politically Incorrect" and "Saturday Night Live," explains, "In all my years of representing performers and producing, I find Wayne's talent very special. Although he's new to daytime, his outgoing personality is perfectly suited to it."

"I love the idea of bringing entertainers who are known for one thing, and letting them cut loose in some other way," adds Brady.



Wayne Brady of 'The Wayne Brady Show'

■ Secret Ballot

Film trio depicts social status of Iranian women

Since 9-11, it's fair to assume that everybody's much more interested in understanding the Arab world. A couple of years ago, *The Day I Became a Woman*, a collection of three Iranian feminist films, was all but overlooked by the movie-going audience. But that fascinating trio offered an honest peek at the quality of life of females in Iran under that country's repressive, religious regime. Without condescending to an expressly polemical point-of-view, the movie still made a powerful point about the second-class status of Muslim women in a fundamentalist state.

Now *Secret Ballot*, also from Iran, takes another fascinating look at some of the severe limitations encountered by women there. Directed by Babak Payami (*One More Day*) this road movie revolving around a couple of unlikely buddies offers a compelling mix of biting satire and light-hearted comedy. It all takes place on the enchanting island of Kish in the Persian Gulf, a locale which lends itself to

alternately stark and spectacular cinematography.

The film, which takes place only over the course of Election Day, stars Nassim Abdi as the government pollster sent to the island to collect the votes and Cyrus Abidi as the surprised soldier with orders to serve as chauffeur on her appointed rounds. Much is made, at every turn, about the differences in the way women are treated by the sexist culture.

For instance, the soldier refuses to believe that the woman is his boss until she produces clear and convincing written proof. And even after that, he gives only a grudging acceptance of her authority, creating a tense, male-female dynamic evocative of Lena Wertmuller's *Swept Away*. And things are not easier for our heroine at the polls. In one town, where a polygamist expects to cast all the votes for each of his wives, our heroine encounters considerable resistance when she insists that the man allow them to vote for themselves, individually.

And the clever director



includes some subtle asides to make more universal observations about human behavior and political elections. One voter complains that he cannot find his candidate's name on the ballot, a reminder of America's own problems in Florida. A street vendor agrees to cast a ballot but only if the collector buys something from him. And so on.

The leisurely pace of this slice-of-life tale is likely to test the patience of mainstream movie fans, expecting some gratuitous, sex-linked, action-oriented fare. *Secret Ballot*'s significant message, so delicately delivered, more than outweighs its absence of that Hollywood-style climax where a seductress in a see-through burka would be saved by her gun-toting hunk after a stock chase scene with a car flying off a cliff in flames and culminating with the couple outrunning an exploding fireball and walking off into the sunset happily ever after.

Kam's Kapsules:

For movies opening August 23, 2002

Weekly Previews That Make Choosing a Film Fun

by Kam Williams

BIG BUDGET FILMS

Serving Sara (PG-13 for coarse humor, cursing and sexual content) Reggie Hudlin (House Party) road-trip romantic comedy starring Matthew Perry as a frustrated ex-lawyer hired to serve an elusive Elizabeth Hurley with divorce papers. With Cedric the Entertainer in cameo.



Simone (PG-13 for virtual sensuality) Maxine Headroom. Futuristic romantic comedy with Al Pacino as a frustrated film producer who replaces his spoiled star with a computer generated starlet.



Undisputed (R for heavy use of prison profanity) Mike Tyson in stripes. Fight flick with Ving Rhames as a heavyweight boxing champ convicted of rape in a prison ring showdown with Wesley Snipes as the reigning King of the Cons.



E Briefs Entertainment News

—Kim Bowman, City News

Hip-Hop concert ends in fight

Last week, The "Beat Summer Jam 2002" concert in Irvine, California ended in a fight that resulted in three people suffering minor injuries and one person taken to the emergency room. According to law officials, the fight continued onto the main stage. Rapper and actor, LL Cool J performed and rapper Nelly was scheduled to perform thirty minutes before the concert was halted. 15,000 angry concertgoers were sent home early.

P. Diddy's on his way out

Bad Boy Entertainment CEO, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs is said to be leaving Arista Records, the distributor of his Bad Boy Label, in search for a new distributor. P-Diddy told MTV News last week, "I basically asked if I could get out of my [contract] early. Being that I had a friend inside, L.A. Reid, I explained to him what I was trying to do. I was trying to get bigger. I was trying to be one of Arista's competitors. 'I wanted to be one of the first black-owned majors,'" he continued. With Diddy's business accomplishments, he may just be able to make this happen.

Alicia Keys & Usher are big winners at award ceremony

Usher and Alicia Keys were top winners at the second annual Billboard R&B/Hip-Hop Awards hosted by New York's WBLS radio personality, Wendy Williams in Miami Beach, Florida on August 9th.

Ms. Keys reigned with four awards for album of the year, top female artist, top new artist and top albums artist. Usher, the nights' other big winner, took three awards for top artist, top male artist and top singles artist. Other awardees included R&B singer, Ginuwine with two wins, Jagged Edge, Ja Rule, Mariah Carey, and Timbaland, for producer and songwriter of the year. The Isley Brothers and Afrika Bambaataa received the Founder's Award for their dominance in the music industry.

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WNV spraying begins in Monmouth County

The Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission (MCMEC) announced today that they will be spraying to kill adult mosquitoes in sections of Spring Lake, South Belmar and Shrewsbury Borough to break the amplification of West Nile virus (WNV) in the bird mosquito cycle. Spraying began Wednesday between the hours of 7:30 PM to 11:00 PM.

"This action is being taken as a result of concentrated clusters of crows and mosquito samples that have recently tested positive for West Nile virus in the cited areas," said Douglas Guthrie Sr., Commission Superintendent.

"The species of mosquitoes that test-

ed positive prefer to bite birds, but have been known to bite humans. By spraying for mosquitoes now, we hope to reduce the adult population, cut off the amplification of the virus in the bird mosquito cycle and avoid crossover into mosquito species that prefer humans," Guthrie added.

"The drought has certainly helped to keep overall mosquito numbers in check. By knocking down the existing adult mosquito population in these areas of concentrated WNV activity, the mosquito populations may become too stressed to recover to the populations levels needed for continued amplification of the virus to occur," explained

Guthrie.

In addition to the scheduled spraying that is in response to escalated West Nile virus activity, spraying will also be conducted in sections of Belford and Port Monmouth to reduce a localized population of salt marsh mosquitoes that were produced on the recent high tide period.

"Currently, there is little evidence of WNV in this area; however, over the past 3 years these sections have been targeted for WNV control. Therefore, it is prudent to keep the adult mosquito population down," explained Guthrie.

All information regarding the spraying is available on the Commission's website: www.visitmonmouth.com/mos-

quito and on their West Nile hotline (732) 578-1600. "Callers will hear information about the areas to be sprayed, dates and times," Guthrie noted. The Commission has also notified municipal officials, health officers and police of these plans. The Commission will target their spraying for adult mosquitoes in the designated zones using highly technical truck mounted ULV (Ultra Low Volume) machines. The product being applied is resmethrin.

No New Jersey residents have been diagnosed with West Nile virus this summer, according to the latest health statistics from state Department of Health and Senior Services.

LEGALS and CLASSIFIEDS

Advertisement for Bids

The Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch
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Sealed bids for Refuse Removal for the Housing Authority Developments

The Long Branch Housing Authority shall receive bids by Thursday August 29, 2002, at the Administration office of the Housing Authority until 10:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for acceptance and opening of bids and be submitted either by mail or in person by bidder or his agent. No bids shall be accepted after the designated time.

All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the bidder and clearly marked "Refuse Removal".

The information for bidder, form of bid and specification may be reviewed and obtained at the offices of the Long Branch Housing Authority at any time during regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday starting August 12, 2002. After August 12, 2002 telephone the Long Branch Housing Authority at (732) 222-3747 ext. 110 with any questions.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certification by the bidder regarding equal opportunity employment practice and Bid Security. The Authority does not obligate itself to accept the lowest bid and reserves the right to waive any information in the bid or to accept or reject any or all bids if deemed in the best interest of the Authority.

Tyrone Garrett
Executive Director

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LEGAL NOTICE

HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE
TOWN OF MORRISTOWN

The Housing Authority of the Town of Morristown is seeking an individual or firm to provide Clerk of the Works services for various modernization projects over the next two (2) years. Services to be provided will be on an as needed basis.

Interested individuals or firms can obtain specifications at the Administrative Offices of the Morristown Housing Authority, 31 Early St., Morristown, NJ 07960, during regular business hours, or they can be mailed by calling 973-538-6343.

Two (2) copies of sealed proposal must be submitted no later than September 13, 2002.

David Gardner
Executive Director

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
57 SUSSEX AVENUE
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR THE MOTOR POOL

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) is seeking proposals from qualified Consultants to assist in developing a Preventive Maintenance Plan for the agency's motor pool. Joint ventures are permissible.

Interested firms may obtain the "General Scope of Services" for the proposal from the Authority's Contracts Division, 500 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102, (973) 273-6529. Respondent shall present the proposal as a Fixed Fee Lump sum cost.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. at 500 Broad Street, 5th Floor Conference Room, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 4:00 PM, Tuesday, September 10, 2002.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, or to waive any informalities in the proposals.

Respondents are required to comply with requirements of P.L. 1975, C. 127.

Proposals shall be clearly titled RFP #02-P1777-1, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR THE MOTOR POOL and submitted to:

Jimmy Miller
Deputy Executive Director
The Housing Authority of the City of Newark
500 Broad Street, 5th Floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102

No proposal shall be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days subsequent to the date of receipt of the proposals, without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Newark.

For further information, contact Antonette Tillery, NHA Coordinator, at (973) 273-6528.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
HAROLD LUCAS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK
INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING
LOT AT NJ-2-19E, GERALDINE "GIGI" FOUSHEE TOWERS
BID #02-B1780/1

The Housing Authority of the City of Newark will receive sealed bids for Construction of Parking Lot At NJ-2-19E, Geraldine "GIGI" Foushee Towers at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 5, 2002 at 500 Broad Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid forms and contract documents, including specifications can be obtained from the office of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, CONTRACTS DIVISION, 500 Broad Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey, (973) 273-6502. Bid forms and contract documents can be obtained upon payment of a \$50.00 non-refundable fee paid by money order or cashier's check.

A pre-bid conference will be held on the Wednesday, August 28, 2002 at 10:00 AM at N.H.A. Office, 500 Broad Street, 5th Floor Conference Room, Newark, New Jersey. A site visit will follow.

All bids must be accompanied by a negotiable bid guarantee payable to the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK. The bid guarantee may be a certified check, bank draft, U.S. Government Bonds at par value or a satisfactory bid bond secured by a surety company acceptable to the U.S. Government and authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey. The guarantee shall be in an amount of five percent (5%) of the bid amount. The Bid Bond must be accompanied by a Consent of Surety. Failure to submit a Bid Guarantee with the bid shall result in the rejection of the bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond(s) in the amount of 100% of the contract as awarded. The surety company for all bonds must be a guaranty or surety company acceptable to the U.S. Department of Treasury. Individual sureties will not be considered. The surety company must be licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey, U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570, published annually in the Federal Register, lists companies approved to act as surety on bonds securing government contracts, the maximum underwriting limits on each contract bonded, and the States in which each company is licensed to do business.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127.

Bids shall be submitted to: Jimmy Miller, Deputy Executive Director, NEWARK HOUSING AUTHORITY, 500 Broad Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102. Bids shall be clearly marked for: Construction of Parking Lot at NJ-2-19E Geraldine "GIGI" Foushee Towers, Bid No. 02-B1780/1.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding as well as reserves the right to reject all bids in the event that less than two (2) bids are received at the designated time of the bid opening. The Authority also reserves the right to award all or a portion of the award to one or more responsible bidders.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEWARK.

For further information contact Garland Foster, Department of Modernization, at 973-273-6631.

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Newark — The Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families in the Newark area who can house an international high school student for the school year. For info call 888-631-1818.

FRIDAYS THRU LABOR DAY

Jersey City — Liberty Science Center offers Family Friendly Days from 9:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. For info call 201-200-1000.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Newark — The Urban League of Essex County sponsors a UPS Job Fair from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. For info call 973-624-9535.

SAT, AUG 25 - SUN, AUG 26

New York — H&M clothing store hosts Project Kidcare from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For info call Whitney Termaine, 212-645-6900.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Rahway — The Rahway Center Partnership presents its Second Annual Baby Day Parade from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For info call 732-396-3545.

Newark — The Women's Housing Initiative hosts an event from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Essex County College, 303 University Ave. For info call 973-643-8800.

Business

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Jersey City — The NJ Development Authority hosts a small business workshop on planning and financing with the ETI program, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Trust Company, Journal Square. For info call 609-292-9279.

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Fairfield — Northern NJ Business Expo 2002. Resources include import/export assistance, low-cost insurance options. For info call 201-368-3438.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

Newark — A workshop on the legal steps of starting a business. will be held from 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., at 2 Gateway Center. For info call SBA, 973-645-2434.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Oceanport — The Human and Civil Rights Association of New Jersey presents a workshop titled "Affirmative Action - Is It A Public Policy?" from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. For info call 201-460-4210.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5

Newark — A town meeting in the Garden of Remembrance, a memorial to September 11, 2001, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., at the Newark Museum. For info call 973-596-6613. Admission is free.

TUES., SEPT 17 - THURS., SEPT 19

Cranford — Union County College offers a Microsoft Windows 2002 course, part 1, 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. For info call 908-965-6000.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Newark — Small Business Administration conducts a free seminar to help small businesses gain access to federal government contracting opportunities. From 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For info call 973-645-4651.

SEPTEMBER 24, 26, 28

Cranford — Union County College will teach a Microsoft Windows 2002 course, part 2 from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. For info call 908-709-7000.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26

North Plainfield — A workshop for Hispanic entrepreneurs will be conducted from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. For info call 908-526-1200.

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East Orange — The Blood Center of NJ accepting blood donations. For info call 1-800-433-6522.

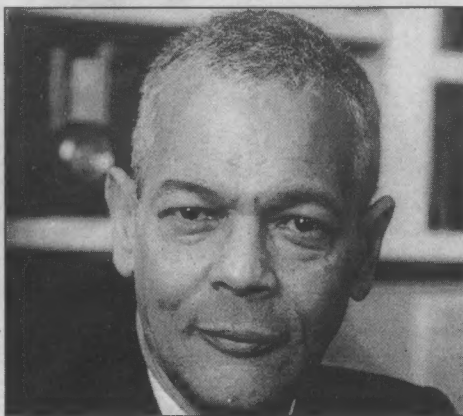
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Clifton — Clara Maass Auxiliary hosts a fashion show at the Valley Regency at 6:30 p.m. For info call 973-450-2150.

Artz

NOW - FRI, AUG 23

Newark — African Globe Performing Arts Organization, presents "Salvation" the musical at the Newark Symphony Hall. For info call 973-624-1584.



Julian Bond

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Atlantic City — The First Annual Mayor James L. Usry Lecture Series features Julian Bond, chairman, NAACP, at 7:00 p.m., Atlantic City Convention Center, One Miss America Way. The event is open to the public and free, however a ticket is required for admission. For info call 609- 653-0400, ext. 12.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

New York — Saxophonist Joshua Redman appears at the J & R Jazz Festival. For info call 718-522-7171.

Irvington — The Friends of Irvington Park hosts their 4th Annual Musical Jamm Fest featuring Joshua Nelson, Pat Tandy, Tony Terrel, et. al. For info call 973-351-3356.

Elizabeth — Festivals at the Pier, performance by "The Vince Ector Jazz Group", Veteran Memorial Park from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For info call 908-820-8624.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Holmdel — PNC Bank Arts Center presents the "Sprite Liquid Mix Tour" features Jay-Z & Roca Fella Family, Nappy Roots, N.E.R.D., and Hoobastank, at 1:30 p.m. For info call 732-335-0400.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Newark — The 2nd Annual American Crafts Festival takes place at NJPAC from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For info call 973-353-8051.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Cape May — Mid Atlantic Center for the Arts hosts Cape May's Welcome Inn Tour from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. For info call 609-884-5404.

TUES, SEPT 3 - SUN, SEPT 29

Madison — New Jersey Shakespeare Festival 40th anniversary season opens with The Grand Magic. For info call 973-408-3278.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Newark — NJPAC Women's Board Spotlight Gala with Lionel Richie. Also starting basketball legend Willis Reed, to celebrate the sixth season of NJPAC. For info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

New Brunswick — Debut Management presents a "Gospel Showcase" at the Crossroad Theater. Record labels will be scouting new talent. For auditions or info call 908-851-0840.

THUR, OCT 3 - SAT, OCT 5

Newark — Newark Symphony Hall presents "A Woman's Revenge" at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. For info call 973-643-8009.

Religion

THUR., SEPT 6 - Fri., SEPT 7

Newark — The St. James Christian Learning Center, 588 Martin Luther King Blvd., will hold registration for the 2002 Fall Semester Bible studies series. For information call (973) 622-1344, ext. 19.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Newark — Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark will celebrate an inter-religious services commemorating the one-year anniversary of September 11, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. For info call 973-497-4189.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Newark — Registration will be held for the New York Theological Seminary Certificate Program in Christian Ministry to be held at Bethany Baptist Church. For info call 212-870-1211.

WED., SEPTEMBER 11

Newark — St. James A.M.E. Church hosts a commemorative worship service, "Remembering 9-11 in Prayer" at the NJPAC beginning at 7:00 PM. The service is open to the public at no charge, however tickets are required. For info call the NJPAC box office at 1-888-GO-NJPAC, or St. James at 973-622-1344.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Newark — Fifth Anniversary Celebration/Concert will be held at Metropolitan Baptist Church on 149 Springfield Avenue. For info call 973-642-2267.

SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 14, 15

New York — 17th Annual Autumn Crafts Festival at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. For info call 973-746-009.

FRI, SEPT 13 - SUN, SEPT 29

Newark — African Globe Theater presents "Driving Miss Daisy". For info call 973-624-1584.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Plainfield — The Latin American Coalition Festival stages its 2nd Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival from 10:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For info call 908-753-7155.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Newark — NJPAC presents Peru to Portugal: A Voyage with Voices at 7:00 p.m. This program is part of the World Festival VI. For info call 1-888-466-5722.

Newark — Open auditions for "Amateur Night at the Apollo on Tour" held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chase Room, NJPAC. For info call 973-642-8989, ext 3105.

THUR, SEPT 19 - SEPT 22

Stanhope — The 9th Biennial Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry festival will be held at the historic Waterloo Village. For info call 973-540-8443.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Newark — Music lab every Friday, live bands and unsigned talent. Wanted singers, musicians, lyricists, storytellers, song writers, producers, bands & poets. For info call 973-624-1584.



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NJ to remember September 11

NEWARK - Governor James E. McGreevey announced recently the events scheduled to commemorate the tragedies of September 11, including a permanent memorial to honor the 691 New Jerseyans who lost their lives.

"The events of September 11th shattered our domestic tranquility and threatened us all," said McGreevey. "Our neighbors died. Our buildings fell. On America's second day of infamy, tragedy struck our nation as terrorists attacked the twin towers of the World Trade Center and Washington and brought a flight originating from Newark down in a Pennsylvania field."

On the evening of Thursday, September 5th, the Governor and First Lady Dina Matos McGreevey will host a private reception at Drumthwacket for the victim's families. On Tuesday, September 10th a private Candlelight Vigil Memorial Service will be held at Liberty State Park in Jersey City.

"The input we have received from victims' families have indicated an overwhelming desire for the State of New Jersey to recognize and honor each New Jerseyan whose life was lost in the attacks," said McGreevey.

On September 11th Governor McGreevey will take part in commemoration services at Ground Zero, along with the victims' families. Transportation will be provided for the families.

McGreevey has asked all houses of worship in New Jersey to ring their bells to commemorate the moments that each hijacked plane took the lives of so many innocent victims. The first two planes — which eventually destroyed the World Trade Center — struck the towers at 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m. Flight 77 struck the Pentagon at 9:43 a.m. and flight 93, which originated out of Newark, was brought down in a Pennsylvania field at 10:10 a.m.

Some churches and organizations, including the St. James A.M.E. Church, and the Newark Museum have also announced special observances of the September 11 anniversary.

At 5:30 p.m. on September 11th, there will be a concert at the Trenton War Memorial by The Orchestra of St. Peter By the Sea, and the NJ Symphony Orchestra will also present a free concert at Liberty State Park beginning at 7:00 p.m.

"The intent of both of these concerts is to reach beyond words in expressing our emotions and to utilize the miracle of music to touch our hearts and minds," said McGreevey. "Only time's healing touch and a continued outpouring of compassion and support can ease the profound suffering that has been inflicted upon our fellow citizens."

NJ to sue over pension losses

TRENTON - Attorney General David Samson announced recently that the Division of Law has completed a preliminary review of state pension investments and is prepared to retain outside legal counsel to file suit against a number of corporations alleged to have engaged in misconduct that resulted in large losses for the state's investment portfolio.

"The State has incurred huge losses that can be attributed in many instances to corporate mismanagement, misconduct and greed," said Samson. "We plan to file complaints against the corporations involved to recoup as much of the losses as we can. We will

continue to protect the financial interests of the citizens of New Jersey and the integrity of our investment process."

The Attorney General said his decision to engage outside counsel represents the next phase in the State's effort to hold the offending corporations accountable. Samson said his office plans to retain outside law firms with expertise in this area to work with lawyers in the Division of Law to formulate litigation strategies. Samson said the State is continuing its review of whether outside investment advisory firms provided misleading advice to the Division of Investment.

Local Briefs

NJ Mortgage Opportunity Program taking applications

TRENTON — The Mortgage Opportunity Program is available to first time New Jersey home buyers who meet certain income guidelines. Buyers purchasing a home in an urban target area need not be a first time home buyer, however they may not own another home at closing. To review the latest income and purchase price limits for the program call 1-800-NJ-HOUSE.

NJ anthrax case updated

TRENTON — NJ Department of Health and Senior Services Commissioner Clifton R. Lacy,

M.D. updated the public Monday on the testing of environmental samples of anthrax that were removed from mailboxes in Princeton.

AT&T awards Friendly Fuld a community technology grant

NEWARK — The Friendly/AT&T Community Technology Center opens Thursday at 165 Court Street. The goal of the grant is "to bring the benefits of technology to all communities". AT&T donated \$25,000 to Friendly Fuld. The company has supported community technology centers in East Orange, Jersey City, Camden, Paterson, Bridgeton, Trenton, Atlantic City and Perth Amboy.